



Utah System of Public Education

Performance Plus

Governor Walker supports the Utah State Board of Education's continued development of Performance Plus. The recommended funding reflects a sharply focused proposal to begin with reading in the 1st through 3rd grades. As Performance Plus achieves success, it will expand to additional curricular areas as well as grade levels.

Enrollment Growth

Projections show an explosive growth of students over the next decade. The governor seeks full funding of enrollment growth in both the regular public classrooms and the public charter schools.

Classroom Supplies

In an effort to help reduce the out-of-pocket expenses that teachers incur, the governor recommends \$5 million.

Increase to the Weighted Pupil Unit

The governor's recommendation of a 2.54 percent increase in the WPU value assists with inflationary costs and provides increased compensation to educators.

Test Scores

Utah school districts efficiently produce strong graduates of public education. Our students, despite the funding levels, perform as well and in many cases better than their national peers.



Funding Recommendations

FY 2005

Enrollment growth of 7,160 new students	\$24,192,200
Charter school enrollment growth	2,256,200
Weighted Pupil Unit increase of 2.54%	36,009,100
Retirement and Social Security	24,641,900
Performance Plus - Reading Achievement	25,000,600
Youth-in-Custody enrollment growth	1,100,000
Classroom supplies (one-time)	5,000,000
Pupil Transportation	843,700
Adult Education	2,604,200
Charter school specialist	100,000

6.9% Increase TOTAL \$121,747,900

FY 2004

Performance Plus - Reading Achievement	\$5,000,000
Charter school growth	900,000

TOTAL \$5,900,000

Utah Test Scores

2002 SAT 9 Percentile Results

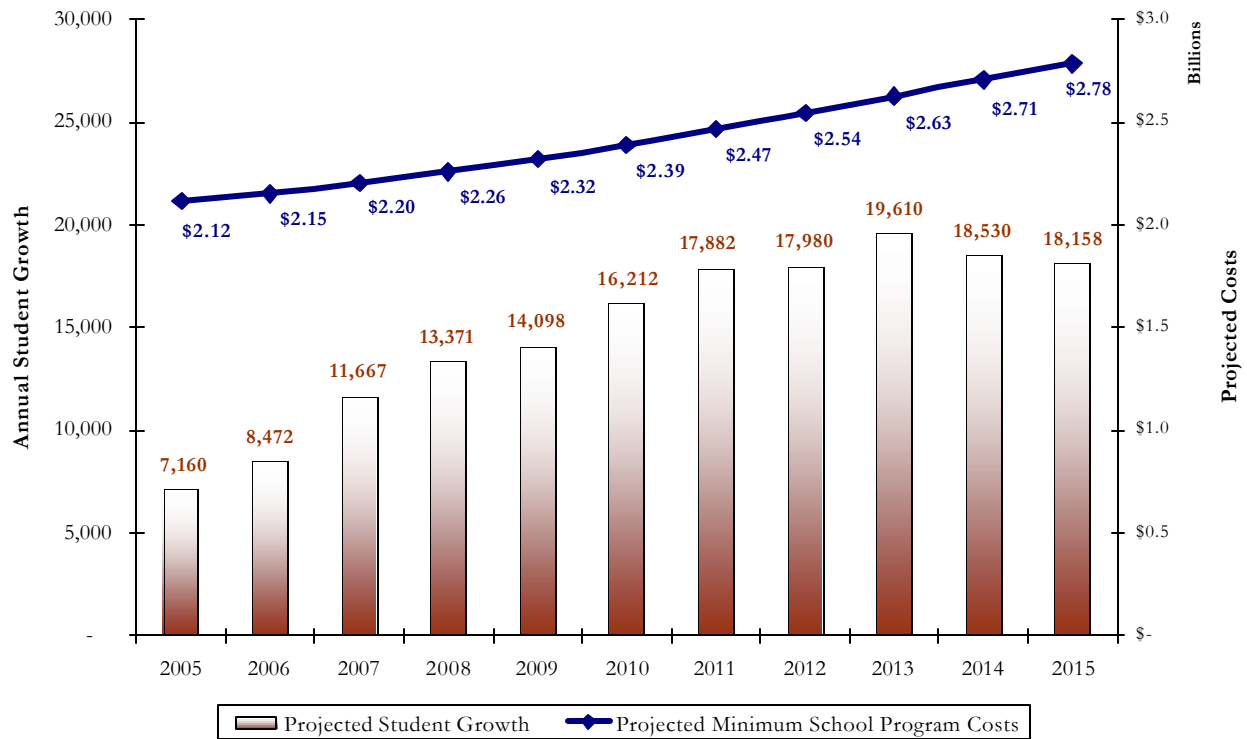
	Reading	Language	Math
3 rd Grade	60	38	59
5 th Grade	49	50	49
8 th Grade	51	47	56
11 th Grade	55	47	68

National Assessment of Educational Progress

"The Nation's Report Card"

	Reading (2003)	Writing (2002)	Math (2003)	Science (2000)
Utah 4th Grade	219	145	235	155
Nation's 4 th Grade Avg	216	153	234	148
Utah 8th Grade	261	143	281	155
Nation's 8 th Grade Avg	263	152	276	149

Projected Student Enrollment and Costs



Public Education Total Funding

(The USOE budget includes federal funds that flow through to local districts.)

